

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 393, sections 6 and 7, the Department of Human Services hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 74, “Iowa Health and Wellness Plan,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments change the definition of “medical home” and add definitions of “personal provider,” “primary care provider” and “primary medical provider” to rules pertaining to the Iowa Health and Wellness Program (IHAWP). The clarification of these terms will allow Iowa Health and Wellness members to access a personal provider who will be able to coordinate care to meet the member’s medical needs.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before October 31, 2017. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 393, sections 6 and 7.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **441—74.1(249A,85GA,SF446)**, definition of “Medical home,” as follows:

“Medical home” means a provider contracted with the department through Form 470-5177, Agreement for Participation as a Patient Manager in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (Wellness Plan)-team approach to providing health care that originates in a primary care setting; fosters a partnership among the patient, the personal provider, and other health care professionals, and where appropriate, the patient’s family; utilizes the partnership to access and integrate all medical and nonmedical health-related services across all elements of the health care system and the patient’s community as needed by the patient and the patient’s family to achieve maximum health potential; maintains a centralized, comprehensive record of all health-related services to promote continuity of care; and has all of the following characteristics:

1. A personal provider.
2. A provider-directed team-based medical practice.
3. Whole person orientation.
4. Coordination and integration of care.
5. Quality and safety.
6. Enhanced access to health care.
7. A payment system that appropriately recognizes the added value provided to patients who have a patient-centered medical home.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** definitions of “Personal provider,” “Primary care provider” and “Primary medical provider” in rule **441—74.1(249A,85GA,SF446)**:

“Personal provider” means the patient’s first point of contact in the health care system with a primary care provider who identifies the patient’s health-related needs and, working with a team of

health care professionals and providers of medical and nonmedical health-related services, provides for and coordinates appropriate care to address the health-related needs identified.

“Primary care provider” includes but is not limited to any of the following licensed or certified health care professionals who provide primary care:

1. A physician who is a family or general practitioner, a pediatrician, an internist, an obstetrician, or a gynecologist.
2. An advanced registered nurse practitioner.
3. A physician assistant.
4. A chiropractor.

“Primary medical provider” means a personal provider trained to provide first contact and continuous and comprehensive care to a member, chosen by a member or to whom a member is assigned under the Iowa health and wellness plan as the member’s primary medical provider.